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Forestry Scholarships Issued in the International Year of Forests

The Forestry Scholarship Fund has awarded its second round of scholarships in 2011. Launched in 2010 the scholarship fund recognises and supports students participating at the undergraduate and post graduate levels.

Batemans Bay NSW resident, Emily Holland, has been announced as recipient of a \$5000 A3P scholarship. Emily has enrolled in her first year with the Australian National University and is embarking on a Bachelor of Science (Forest Sciences) degree.

In making the announcement on behalf of the Fund Management Committee, Institute of Foresters Chief Executive and Secretary to the Fund, Cassandra Spencer said 'It is entirely appropriate in the International Year of Forests for the Fund to award a scholarship to a young woman who promises to be an inspiring ambassador for forest education. Having opportunity to meet Emily, I was energised by her enthusiastic and passionate yet realistic approach to life.'

'A forestry degree will see Emily reach her goals in the ever changing Australian forest landscape and will open up many opportunities here and overseas in implementing ecologically sustainable forest management ideas.' Ms Spencer said.

In acknowledging acceptance of her scholarship, Emily noted 'my passion for science and the conservation of Australia's environment has been inspired by fantastic teachers in the study of both biology and geography.'

'The reality of industries' role in shaping the sustainability of our ecosystems became an interesting concept and has continued to become more and more appealing to me.' Miss Holland said.

In addition to the undergraduate scholarship, the Forestry Scholarship Fund also announced 5 recipients of the National Forestry Masters Program (NFMP) 2011 scholarships to a total value of \$10, 000. The NFMP scholarships have been made available by CRC for Forestry. The recipients are: Tim Broster, Brett Cirulis, Patrick St John, Wayne de Flores-Butler and Sarah Dickson-Hoyle.

The Fund aims to issue further NFMP scholarships again mid year.

A shift is happening and we are beginning to see a proud industry working collectively, developing incentives and marketing campaigns so that the true value and benefits not to mention the job satisfaction gained from a career in forestry will be realised. Australian's are now also seeing how lucky this country is to have the land mass, intelligence and resources available to ensure that we are a self supporting country when it comes to wood.

The Forestry Scholarship Fund, which has tax-deductible status, receives, manages and disburses scholarship funds on behalf of donors. Further information on the Forestry Scholarship Fund and forestry careers is available from the Institute of Foresters of Australia website <http://www.forestry.org.au> or by contacting Cassandra Spencer 02-6281 3992 / cassandra.spencer@forestry.org.au

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'2011 A3P scholarship recipient Emily Holland and Cassandra Spencer, CEO Institute of Foresters of Australia'

